Wakf properties

2763. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the properties which are Wakf by user;

(b) the details of such properties with the Archaeological Survey of India;

(c) the efforts made by her Ministry to get those properties restored to Wakf Boards;

(d) the results achieved so far; and

(e) what further strategies Government propose to devise to get back those properties from the Archaeological Survey of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Committee on status of muslims

2764. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 768 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 2005 and state:

(a) the names of the members and the terms of reference of the Committee constituted to report on the status of the Muslims;

(b) the purpose of this Committee; and

(c) the progress made till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Committee has the following composition:

1.	Justice Rajender Sachar	—	Chairperson
2.	Shri Saiyid Hamid	—	Member
3.	Dr. T.K. Ooman	—	Member
4.	Shri M.A. Basith	—	Member
5.	Dr. Rakesh Basant	—	Member
6.	Dr. Akhtar Majeed	—	Member
7.	Dr. Abu Salem Shariff	—	Member Secretary

Terms of Reference:—

(1)The High Level Committee (HLC) will prepare a report on the social,economic and educational status of the Muslim Community of India. The HLC will finalize and present its report within fifteen months from the date of this notification, *i.e.* 9th March 2005.

(2) More specifically the HLC will :—

(A) Obtain relevant information from departments/agencies of the Central and State Government and also conduct an intensive literature survey to identify published data, articles and research on relative social, economic and educational status of Muslims in India at the State, regional and district levels, to address, *inter-alia* the following questions:

(i) In which States, Regions, Districts and Blocks do Muslims of India mostly live?

(ii) What is the geographical pattern of their economic activity, *i.e.* what do they mostly do for a living in various States, Regions and District?

(iii) What is their asset base and income levels relative to other groups across various States and Regions?

(iv) What is the level of their socio-economic development in terms of relevant indicators such as literacy rate, dropout rate, MMR, IMR etc? How does this compare with other communities in various States?

(v) What is their relative share in public and private sector employment? Does it vary across States and what is the

pattern of such variation? Is the share in employment in proportion to their population in various States? If not, what are the hurdles?

(vi) What is the proportion of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) from the Muslim Community in the total OBC population in various States? Are the Muslim OBCs listed in the comprehensive list of OBCs prepared by the National and State Backward Classes Commissions and adopted by the Central and State Government for reservation for various purposes? What is the share of Muslim OBCs in the total public sector employment for OBCs in the Centre and in various States in various years?

(vii) Does the Muslim Community have adequate access to education and health services, municipal infrastructure bank credit and other services provided by Govt./public sector entities? How does this compare to access enjoyed by other communities in various States? What is the level of social infrastructure (Schools, health centers, ICDS centers etc.) located in areas of Muslim concentration in comparison to the general level of such infrastructure in various States?

(B) Consolidate, collate and analyze the above information/ literature to identify areas of intervention by Government to address relevant issues relating to the social, economic and education status of the Muslim Community.

(b) To gather authentic information about the social, economic and educational status of the Muslim Community of India and to identify factors which come in the way of planning, formulating and implementing specific interventions, policies and programmes to address the issues relating to the socio-economic backwardness of the Muslim Community.

(c) The HLC's work is at present at data collection stage. The activities of the HLC have to be continuously spread over the tenure^ granted to it and piece-meal progress cannot be assessed.